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Oswald's Widow Wins

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A federal appeals court has awarded $17,729 to the widow of Lee Harvey Oswald for property seized during the FBI's investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, ruling that Oswald's diary and other papers have historical importance.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed a Texas federal district court finding that Marina Oswald Porter was entitled to only $3,000 — the stipulated market value of property similar to that seized.

The items taken by the government for use in the compilation of the Warren Commission report consisted mainly of Oswald's personal effects, such as letters, a diary, family photographs, a marriage license and other personal effects.

The appeals court said it agreed with Mrs. Porter's claim that the items taken by the government had souvenir or collector's value, and that in order to properly compensate her for her loss, she should receive the fair market value of such collector's items. — UPI